

LIFE IN A FLAT PROVE PLANS WOMAN INSANE.



Mrs. Delia Gettin, Grazed by Homesickness.

In her little three-room flat in the city she longed for the freedom of her old home on the Nebraska plains until she became insane. She is now in Bellevue.

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FOUND THE CITY LONELY

Her Mind Gave Way at Last and She is Now in the Insane Ward at Bellevue.

DON'T TRY SUICIDE; GO TO DES MOINES.

Council Decrees That People Mustn't Be Out After 11 P. M.

VALENTINE longing in her tenement home to live once more amid the boundless freedom of the great plains of the West, the mind of poor Mrs. Delia Gettin gave away, and yesterday she was placed in the insane ward of Bellevue Hospital. The change from a great farm in Nebraska to a little three-room home, dark and cheerless, was more than she could stand.

Mrs. Gettin is forty-five years old, and that is also the age of her husband, Patrick. They had grown up together in a Western village, had gone hand in hand to school and finally were married. Then they moved still further to the West, and in the interior of Nebraska settled on a great farm.

They talked often of the life of Mrs. Gettin, who had removed to Brooklyn, and her letters roused a desire to give up the life on the lonely plains and go to where there were crowded life and gaiety and where it was easy to earn a living.

So the mortgaged farm was disposed of, and with the little sum received for it the couple came to New York City.

That was a little over two years ago. They brought with them their two remaining children, Maggie, aged eleven, and Flora, aged eight. They lived for a while on Eleventh avenue, in humble quarters, and then moved to a home still more humble, at No. 48 West Fifty-fourth street.

There is a big four-story tenement there, and the Gettin family crept into a three-room home; one room serving as kitchen, sitting room and parlor, and the other two rooms—merely dark little closets—serving as bedrooms. Mrs. Gettin found that a farmer could find work in New York only as a laborer, and that a laborer's employment was very precarious.

Longed for Freedom. The change came upon the wife with overwhelming effect. She realized, as she had never done while in the West, how much the freedom of untrammelled outdoor life meant to her, and she sorrowfully contrasted it with the narrow poverty of her new surroundings. The deafening rattle of wagons over the pavement, the shrill cries of street vendors and the yells of the street boys, the myriad noises of the tenement, were unbearable. She thought if the majestic quiet of the plains or the midnight roar of the winds.

She fell ill, and from a little slit of a window looked on the bare and bare lines of smoke-grimed clothes hung in dismal humdrum.

Her husband waited on her with loving faithfulness. After working all day he would often watch beside her all the night, and the little girls, growing prematurely old and grave, did their duty bravely, and all three united in efforts to keep the condition of the wife and mother from the knowledge of others in the swarming tenement.

Loved Ones Saw Change. For Gettin and his two girls realized that the poor woman's mind was failing, and did their utmost to soothe her for her.

She became violent yesterday morning, and, breaking from the room, ran to the roof with an axe and threatened to kill any one who approached her. Little Flora, solemn-faced and silent, went to her, took the axe and led her quietly downstairs.

Meanwhile the police had been notified, and a patrol wagon took her to Bellevue. She was very quiet, for she knew she was being taken somewhere, and her clouded mind pictured a vision of walking on the Nebraska plains.

Student Arrested for Slander. John Miller, a student at Seton Hall College, was arrested by Newark constables at the college yesterday on a capias to insure his appearance at the trial of an action brought by G. R. Rose, another student, to recover \$20,000 damage for alleged slander.

LOVE STORIES that are true are more interesting than fiction. The coming Sunday Journal contains two of the most interesting love stories that have been published in years. One of them is tragic and full of misfortune.

THE SPARTAN BOY HIDING RABIES.

Newark Lad, for Fear of Letting His Mother Know He Had Disobeyed Her, Kept Secret a Dog's Fatal Bite.

Not Until the Spasms Were Upon Him Did He Reveal to a Physician the Secret That Was Gnawing at His Vitals.

Five Others, Three of Them Children, Bitten by the Terrier, One Victim Making Vain Efforts to Kill It.

Death from hydrophobia after three days of torture was the fate of little Albert Merklin, who imitated the Spartan boy of the ancient story. Albert would not tell his mother last Spring that a dog had bitten him, for fear that he would betray the fact that he had disobeyed her. The secret lay hidden in his breast until, like the fox in the legend, it gnawed his vitals.

The case has created a hydrophobia scare in Newark. Five other persons are known to have been bitten by the dog which caused Albert's death. The dog may still be alive.

Albert lived with his mother at No. 27 Fairview avenue, Newark. Mrs. Merklin separated from her husband a year ago, and forbade the boy, who was ten years old then, to visit his father. Nevertheless, the lad went by stealth frequently to Merklin's meat shop, in Little street.

At No. 83 Little street lives Charles Lang, who owned a vicious little fox terrier. One day last March Albert Merklin, stealing home from one of his forbidden visits, was attacked by the terrier, which bit him in the calf of the leg. The wound bled and was sore for several days. The boy knew that something ought to be done for a dog's bite, and suffered at the time agonies of fear lest he should "go crazy like a mad dog."

Shrank from "making mamma cry." "But I won't tell mamma," he said to himself. He seemed to be less afraid of being punished than of "making mamma cry." The wound healed and gradually fears of madness passed from his childish mind.

He was romping with his brother last Sunday afternoon when suddenly he grew hysterical. His nervousness increased with frequent laughing and crying fits throughout Monday. On Tuesday Dr. William Baerman was called.

It was too late to do anything. The Pasteur treatment cannot cure when the hydrophobia symptoms have declared themselves. When he recognized the disease the physician made the child tell how he had been bitten. Then for the first time the reluctant tale of disobedience was dragged out.

One convulsion followed another throughout Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The child's sufferings were all the more shocking from the inability of his friends to help him. The only palliatives, strong doses of narcotic drugs, could not relieve his tortured body. Through the last forty-eight hours of agony the physician was with Albert, until his exhausted frame yielded at midnight Thursday and he died.

Says the Dog Was Killed. Besides others, the dog bit William Sauer, an employee of Merklin. Sauer complained at the time to Justice Schalk, who instructed him to shoot the dog. Lang refused, and Sauer arrested him.

Justice Schalk discharged Sauer, and repeated his order to shoot the terrier. When the dog refused to obey, Sauer had him shot. There is no other evidence that this was done.

Three children besides Albert Merklin are known to have been bitten. They are: Bernhard Hartenden, seven years old, of No. 814 Broadway; Henry Wanner, eleven years old, of No. 81 Little street.

Mrs. Hester Day, of No. 75 Little street, makes the sixth known victim of the dog.

DIVIDED UP GOODS OF SUPPOSED DYING WOMAN. Then She Got Well and Now Has Relatives Arrested for Larceny.

Mrs. Mary Polinski was ill unto death in the Passaic hospital. Her husband, John, told her sister, Julia Trinita, and other relatives of the hopelessness of his wife's case. The doctors had said that she could not live. He was tearful, and the women wept when they heard the sad news.

One night recently, while the husband was at the hospital, his wife's relatives met at his house and decided that, as poor Mary was not to get well, they might as well divide her property. When the husband arrived home he was told of their decision. He demurred at first and then consented. All of Mary's personal effects and the household goods as well were divided up and the rooms were left bare.

Mrs. Polinski astonished her relatives by getting well. She could not find a stitch of clothing left when she got home. The shamefaced husband confessed. Julia Trinita was arrested yesterday and is held charged with larceny. Other arrests are to follow, and Mrs. Polinski declares that she will have all her goods back.

BROTHER AND SISTER FIGHT FOR \$2,000,000. Durant Estate in Litigation Before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

More than \$2,000,000 was in dispute between a sister and brother in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday. It was the estate of the late Thomas C. Durant, of Johnburg, Warren County, New York.

The sister had been abroad for some time and on her return did not find matters to be to her satisfaction. She charged her brother with wrongful handling of the estate. The court ordered the appointment of a referee in an accounting.

Women Hurt at Fox Hunt. Lexington, Ky., Nov. 17.—The annual fox hunt for the National Fox Hunters' association was a gray fox was chased from daylight till 9 a. m., when a new trail was followed by the dogs. Miss Helen Durant Rose was the wife of the hunter and badly hurt. Colonel R. D. Williams, master of the hounds, was called here and his place was given to-day to Mrs. Leo Hachway.

Lewis Wants Coney Island Lease. It is said that Warren Lewis, former manager of the Coney Island Sporting Club, will make an effort to secure a lease on the clubhouse next February, when the present lease, held by Alex Brown, expires.

\$8,000 IN RARE GEMS STOLEN.



The Stolen Necklace and a Theory as to How Thieves Got It.

With the locket, the gems are valued at \$8,000. They are the property of a society woman, who left them on a dressing table when she went to entertain friends. The theft was committed five weeks ago.

Society Woman Robbed of a Unique Necklace and a Locket—Taken from Room While She Was at Dinner.

Pinkerton detectives and Central Office men have been searching high and low in this city for many diamonds of peculiar shape which were stolen from a prominent society woman five weeks ago. At the request of the police her name and address are withheld from publication. The stolen diamonds formed a necklace of great beauty and unusual design.

On the night of October 7 last the woman, who now mourns the loss of the jewels, gave a dinner party. It was not an elaborate affair, and those who were invited were friends of long standing. After dressing for dinner, the hostess clasped the necklace around her throat, then decided not to wear it as it was too elaborate. She removed it and substituted a simple ornament. She put the necklace on her dressing table and descended the stairs to greet her guests.

As soon as dinner was over the hostess, remembering the necklace, hastened to her dressing room. The jewels were gone. That is all that the police have been able to discover.

A suspicious attaché to the servants. They had been in the employ of their mistress many years, and are known to be faithful. Yet as far as there is evidence to be guided by no one else could have been in the room. By some the theft is attributed to what the police call "second story men." Nothing was disturbed except the diamond necklace and a diamond locket attached to it.

The necklace was fifty-two inches long. It was made up of 155 cut diamonds set in platinum. Of these, seventy-eight were round and seventy-seven were cut marquise. Diamonds are rarely cut this way. It was the only necklace in this city containing stones so shaped. So far as the police know, it was the only one of its kind in the world. The total weight of the diamonds was seventy-one karats. The value of the necklace and the locket was \$8,000.

The locket was heart-shaped, nearly an inch and a half in diameter, and made up of fifty-four diamonds, also set in platinum. In the back of the locket was a glass for holding a picture.

All the pawn shops in this city and in neighboring cities have been notified of the theft. Circulans have been sent to nearly all the diamond brokers in the country. But not one trace of the missing gems have the police been able to obtain, although the widespread men of the Pinkerton agency and the Central Office are at work on the case.

Recompense is offered, and money will be gladly paid for any information that may lead to the recovery of the stolen necklace.

NAVAL BOARD FAVORS 18 NEW WAR VESSELS.

Additions Asked for Navy. Three armored cruisers of an enlarged Brooklyn class. Three cruisers of an improved Olympia class.

Twelve light draught gunboats of a type recommended by Admiral Dewey.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The Naval Board on Construction, at a final secret session today, submitted to Secretary Long the naval ship building programme for next year. The recommendations are subject to the Secretary's approval, but this is usually given in deference to the opinion of the experts who constitute the board.

The board recommends eighteen new vessels, and if their plans prevail these important additions to our navy will be made within three or four years, the time required to build them.

The navy's strength will then be as follows: Battle Ships—Iowa, Indiana, Massachusetts, Oregon, Kearsarge, Kentucky, Illinois, Alabama, Wisconsin, Maine, Missouri, Ohio, Georgia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas (second class), Total, 16.

Cruisers, armored—Brooklyn, New York, California, Nebraska, West Virginia. Cruisers, protected—The three recommended, and Columbia, Minneapolis, Albatross.

The Katadin is the only ram. Besides these there will be seventy-nine fourth rate vessels, such as the Scudra, Albatross, etc., twenty-seven torpedo boats, forty-seven tugs, seven sailing ships, six receiving ships, twenty-seven torpedo boat destroyers.

To these may be added several of the Holland submarine boats.

The Navy Department proposes to make the three armored cruisers recommended the day the most powerful afloat. There will be little difference between them and a first-class battle ship such as the Massachusetts. Each of these vessels will be at about 13,000 tons burden, while that of the Brooklyn is only 9,215. Each of the new cruisers will have an armament nearly double that of the Brooklyn.

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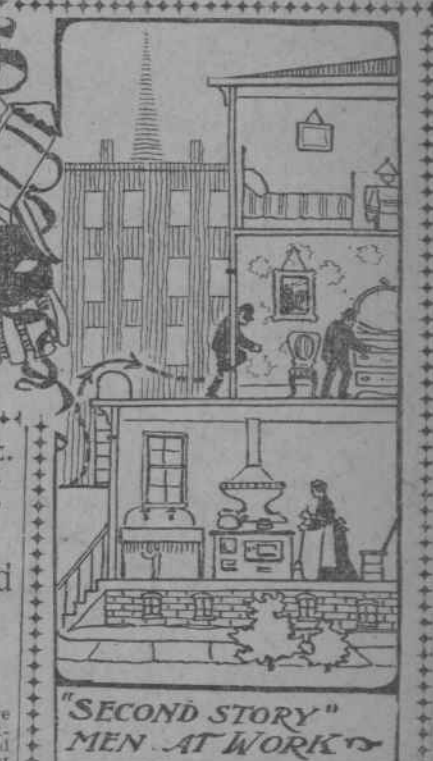
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VACCINE OR PRISON FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS.

This Is the Alternative Given by Officials in Georgia, Where an Entire Congregation Is Under Arrest.

Fines and Imprisonment in Home or in Jail the Sentence Imposed on Six Who Defy a City Health Ordinance.



"SECOND STORY" MEN AT WORK.

Americus, Ga., Nov. 17.—For refusing to submit to compulsory vaccination under order of the city authorities the entire congregation of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, has practically been under arrest for two days.

The first case heard was that of Mrs. C. B. Raines, wife of a prominent local physician, who was given the alternative of leaving the city or being shut up for thirty days in her residence or the city prison. As other cases had been docketed, sentence of Mrs. Raines was suspended until these were heard.

This morning half the membership of the church were summoned to court to answer a charge of disorderly conduct in having refused to be vaccinated. Six defendants, five of them women and among the best known people in Americus, were tried and adjudged guilty.

The women were sentenced to ten days' imprisonment and to pay cash fines besides, the place of their confinement being left discretionary with the Chief of Police, who may guard them at their homes or lock them in jail.

E. J. McMath, a prominent merchant and Christian Scientist, was sentenced to thirty days' confinement and to pay \$15 fine.

The scenes during the trial were dramatic at times. Mrs. Lela Bell, the head of the church here, likened the prisoners to Martin Luther, who was persecuted for his religious belief, and told the trial judge they would even suffer torture before sacrificing their religious principles and submitting to the city ordinance enforcing vaccination. Counsel for the Scientists will appeal the cases to the highest courts in Georgia.

Other members of the local church remain to be tried upon similar charges, and upon conviction will likewise be imprisoned and fined.

The city authorities disavow any feeling on account of creed, and are only enforcing the law as applied to all persons and color here, thousands of other citizens having recently been vaccinated at their order.

Nearly before in Georgia has an entire congregation been thus disciplined by the courts, and this case has caused somewhat of a sensation.

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Youths' Overcoats of Oxford and Brown English Rough Cloth, 32 to 35 chest measure \$8.75 Value \$12.50

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